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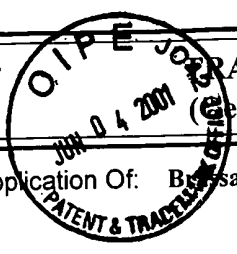
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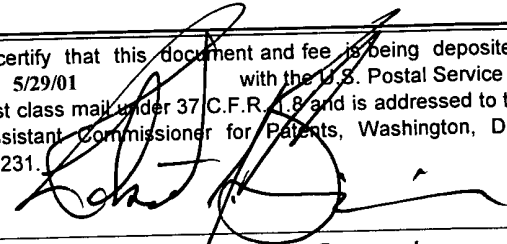
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Please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add Claims 11-23 as follows:

11. (newly added) A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of treating mineral deficiencies in a mammal comprising the steps of enterally administering to the mammal a nutritional composition comprising *lactobacilli*.

12. (newly added) The method of Claim 11 wherein the *lactobacilli* is a *Lactobacillus* bacteria capable of adhering to intestinal cells.

13. (newly added) The method of Claim 12 wherein the *Lactobacillus* bacteria comprises a *Lactobacillus johnsonii* CNCM I-1225 strain.

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